

A NEW MEMBER OF THE HUMAN SYNTAXIN/EPIMORPHIN FAMILY**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The syntaxin/epimorphin family comprises members that play central roles in protein transport and epithelial cell morphogenesis. While the syntaxins regulate vesicle-mediated protein transport, epimorphin is a key morphoregulatory molecule for mammary epithelial cells. The present invention provides a new member of the human syntaxin/epimorphin family, designated "Zempo1."